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THE STATUS OF BEER.

In the esteemed Washington Star of November 11 we find the following article:

"A petition was presented to President Roosevelt that is sure to attract national attention. It was from fifty-one of the great brewing concerns of the United States, and relates to the proposition to admit Oklahoma and Indian Territory to statehood with a prohibition requirement on the ground that the presence of Indians in the territory demands such a course. The petition does not touch upon the feature of the case that is now most interesting Oklahoma people—the desire of the people to settle this matter by their own vote, inasmuch as they are as familiar with the needs of the Indians as anybody else.

"The petition of the brewing interests was presented by Albert Lieber, president of the Indianapolis Brewing Company, and a member of the federal relations committee of the United States Brewing Association. He was accompanied to the White House by Representative Overstreet of Indianapolis. In presenting the petition Mr. Lieber called the attention of the President to the fact that the brewing industry ranks fourth of all the great industries of the United States in point of capitalization and importance, and declared that it had so long been the object of misrepresentation and abuse that it was considered advisable to make an appeal to the chief executive. He said that the signatures showed that the companies signing were the largest in the country.

"The petition reads: What we want to ask is that if the wise men of the country, guided by yourself, find a prohibition requirement proper it shall not extend to beer and ale that contain less than 4 1/2 per cent of alcohol. The fact is that nearly all of it is below 4 per cent and most of it around 3 1/2 per cent. Any chemist in the country may examine any sample of American beer and these facts will be instantly shown. The beverage contains from four to ten times less alcohol than a large number of the largely advertised and much used patent medicines throughout the country which receive the unstinted recommendations of men and women of standing and which are sold throughout the Indian Territory without molestation. We are sure that no man who has given serious study to the question will rank beer among the strictly alcoholic drinks. Drunkenness can only follow its most glutinous use, and it is today the principle factor in turning the United States into the leading temperance nation of the world. If the Indian is permitted mild drinks like beer he will not seek intoxicating ones, nor will he kill himself with the drug habit. He will not find it necessary to debauch his manhood sneaking around in the dark, seeking an illicit place to get a stimulant. No serious harm will befall him, as beer is free from drugs or injurious ingredients."

It seems to us that the brewers are proving just a trifle too much. If the Indian will go the length of drinking unpalatable medicines in order to secure intoxication, it is hardly reasonable to suppose that they would be so moderate in the use of beer as to escape all evil effects from its use. We do not understand why the brewers should find it necessary to go out of their way in order to rap the manufacturers of proprietary medicines, many of which are of recognized merit. Certainly any crusade against those medicines on the ground that they contain alcohol, should be fair and consistent and should be aimed at the prescriptions of physicians if the latter contain the tabooed article, and we have been informed that twenty out of twenty-five prescriptions, taken at random in a New York drug store, contained a larger percentage of alcohol than the average patent medicine. If the brewers really believe that beer is a good thing for the denizens of the Indian Territory let them present the matter upon its own merits. If they feel that it is a duty to protest against the use of alcohol in proprietary medicines on the ground that alcohol is essentially harmful let them be consistent enough to also oppose its use in medicines which are not patented and which carry all the force and authority of a graduate physician's signature.

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NOW COMES THE ICONOCLAST.

The esteemed Philadelphia Ledger prints a letter from a correspondent containing a suggestion which will horrify that great and good man, Governor Pennypacker, idolatrous worshipper at the shrine of the late lamented Matthew Stanley Quay, and author of an elaborate attempt to muzzle the press of the Keystone State.

"Now that the Legislature is to be convened in extra session," says this iconoclast, "for the purpose of setting into effect various reforms that the people demand and repealing various obnoxious bills recently passed, would it not be in order to suggest a reconsideration of that appropriation for erecting a statue to the honor of that statesman (?) whose policy has been so evidently repudiated and whose machine has been so completely wrecked by the aroused citizens of this Commonwealth in the recent election?"

In passing the measure providing for a statue to Quay the Republican machine of Pennsylvania dallied with a loaded proposition. In fact, it is difficult to understand the reason for that action. Politicians so practical as those who have looted the treasury of the Keystone State seldom are men of sentiment. They usually have no use for what might vulgarly be termed "a dead one." The devious route by which the adoption of the statue proposition was secured would make interesting reading. Can it be that a fat contract for erecting the memorial formed the "colored gentleman lurking in the wood pile?"

Standard Oil has declared a dividend of \$10 a share. This undoubtedly explains the recent rise in the price of oil. The multi-millionaire wanted to round out his income from oil stocks to \$20,000,000 for this year and that was the easiest way to do it.

A St. Petersburg dispatch informs us that "a false emperor has made his appearance near Penza." If he is any more false and fictitious than the real emperor he must be a wonder.

THE COMPOSITOR'S LOVE SONG.

Oh, come with me and be my love!
None love you half so well,
Of all the types of girls, my pearl,
My lady Nonpareil.

I'll set you up in luxury
In diamonds you'll be brave;
I'll be your faithful minion—nay,
I'll be your galley slave.

I'll give you proofs of love galore;
All feeling else I'll kill,
And my life's record all shall be
The copy of your will.

The composition of this love
Will never out be wiped,
Although the phrases of its tale
May seem quite stereotyped.

To stock a home I've matricated,
And even plates for "pi."
And we will keep this house in print,
If "devils" come not high.

Upon my breast your head display
I'll put in fond caress,
And lock your form with tender force
In my arms' loving press.

So come with me and be my love;
We'll live in bliss seraphic,
When once our two hearts join as one
In union typographic.

—Brooklyn Eagle.

THE UNFAILING FRIEND.

The man who really likes himself
Is sure of one good friend,
Who'll be patient with his follies
And be faithful to the end.
He can always count on sympathy
Whenever he is blue,
And comforting condolence, and
Appreciation, too.

The man who really likes himself
Is sure to be content,
Whatever he does, he has a friend
Who never will dissent,
Who's always ready with applause
His spirits to revive
With such approval, is it strange
He's glad that he's alive?

—From the Somerville Journal.

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and promptly done. Prices
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THE SENSE OF BEAUTY.

Cultivate It by Observing the Sky
and the Landscape.

The oldest and readiest means of cultivating the sense of beauty is habitual observation of the heavens, for which the only things needed are the open sight of the sky and the observing eye. The heavens are always declaring "the glory of God." The noblest poetry of all nations celebrates the majesty and splendor of the sky. Psalmist, prophet and artist draw thence their loftiest teachings. Sun, moon and stars, sunset and sunrise, clouds tossed and torn by wind, floating or driving mists and fogs, snow, rain and the clear blue are all phenomena of the sky which will afford endless delights to him who watches them. The dweller on the prairie or the sea has the best chance at the sky, and the dweller in narrow streets, hemmed in by tall buildings, has the worst. This obstruction of the sight of the sky is one of the grave evils which beset a modern urban population. City people run about at the bottom of deep ditches and often can see only a narrow strip of the heavens. Fortunately the loftiest structures reared by men are not so high but that a moderate open area in the midst of a closely built city will give a prospect of large sections of the heavens. This is one of the great things gained for an urban population by accessible open spaces, such as parks, commons, marshes and reaches or ponds of water.

Next to observation of the sky as a means of developing the sense of beauty comes observation of the landscape. —Charles William Elliot in Critique.

CONGENIAL WORK.

It is One of the Greatest Factors For Good Health.

Congenial work with mind and hands should be encouraged in all persons for its prophylactic as well as its curative influences. Rest will prove serviceable doubtless in numbers of cases, but its application should be restricted and carefully studied. There are many conditions where absolute rest will not only prove useless, but really harmful. To send a man from an active business life to one of complete inactivity will often prove disastrous, as much so as to prescribe all food for the obese.

The nervous will complain that they do not feel like work. If left to themselves and told to do absolutely nothing, not even to read, they are sure to dwell upon their infirmities and grow thereby morose and hypochondriacal, thus increasing their invalidism. The desire for work should be encouraged in all conditions and in all classes. If one's interest is aroused even to a slight degree a continuance in the work will develop a desire for occupation. One will never feel like work if one has nothing to do. Work will often accomplish what medicine, however properly applied, will not, for it is not alone that we must earn our bread by the sweat of the brow, but every man and woman should work for the pleasure of it as well as for the health giving, brain expanding results and the benefit of example.—Medical World.

The Eagle on the Dollar.

The figure of the eagle on the dollar of 1836, 1838 and 1839 are exact portraits of a famous American eagle. "Peter, the mint bird," he was called by everybody in Philadelphia, and during his life his fame was equally as great as that of "Old Abe," the Wisconsin war eagle, the latter being really a spring chicken when compared with Peter. Peter was the pet of the Philadelphia mint for many years. Finally he was caught in some coining machinery and had the life jerked out of his body in a jiffy. The figure on the coins named above is an exact reproduction of a portrait taken of Peter after he had been stuffed and placed in a glass case in the mint cabinet.

Bismarck and England.

A remarkable utterance of Bismarck is printed in the Paris Gaulois from Emile Olivier's "L'Empire Liberal." It was made at a dinner at Benedetti's in Berlin, in 1869, at which Prince Napoleon was present, from whom Olivier got the story. In answer to a remark made by the prince, Bismarck exclaimed: "They are always talking of England! What does England amount to, anyway? A nation exists only by the number of soldiers it can furnish. How many soldiers has England? Perhaps 70,000, or at most 100,000. And you? Half a million. And we? At least as many as you."

Wasted.

An old Scots woman, who at considerable personal inconvenience had gone a good way to visit a friend who was ill, learned on her arrival that the alarming symptoms had subsided. "Ah! hoo are ye the day, Mrs. Crawford?" she inquired in breathless anxiety. "Oh, I'm nearly well now, thank ye, Mrs. Graham." "Nearly well!" exclaimed the breathless visitor. "After me comin' sae far to see ye too!"—Cassell's Magazine.

Her Felling.

"He makes me so angry," remarked Miss Bute, "he's forever remarking to me that 'beauty is only skin deep.'"

"And when you get angry," remarked Miss Chellus, "it just shows him how thin skinned you are."—Philadelphia Press.

Caused Loss of Sleep.

"How do you get along with your new chief of department?"

"Oh, only so so. He causes us many sleepless—office hours."

Be not the fourth friend of him who had three before and lost them.—Lava-ter.

Handsome Christmas Present

FOR YOUR

Favorite School Teacher

The Daily Press will present to the most popular white lady school teacher in active service in any public or private school in Newport News, Hampton, Phoebus or Elizabeth City county, a magnificent \$300 "Frederick" Piano. The popularity of the winner is to be determined by votes cast by the readers of the Daily Press.

EVERYBODY MAY VOTE.

None of the conditions surrounding suffrage under the new constitution will apply to this voting contest. Neither prepayment of a poll tax, nor an educational qualification will be required. Registration, save in the representative list of Daily Press readers, will not be required. Any person who is able to buy a copy of the Daily Press will be eligible to participate in the contest and may have a voice in selecting the successful candidate in this interesting contest.

The Piano, which is of standard make, and which may be seen in the show window of the George D. Hampton Piano Company, 219 Twenty-eighth street, is a handsome instrument and would make a beautiful Christmas present for any one. Vote early and often—no danger of arrest for repeating. Help your favorite teacher to secure this splendid Christmas present!

CONDITIONS OF CONTEST.

CANDIDATES: Any lady teacher in active service in any public or private school in Newport News, Hampton, Phoebus or Elizabeth City county, is eligible to enter the contest for the Piano.

The contest begins October 18 and will close at 6 p. m. Saturday, December 23, 1905. Standing of contestants will be published in the Daily Press on Wednesday and Sunday of each week during the contest.

VOTING PLACE: All votes must be delivered at the Daily Press office, 211 Twenty-fifth street, The Geo. D. Hampton Piano Company, 219 Twenty-eighth street, Newport News, Va. or to our Hampton representative, Hampton, Va., where they will be tabulated and then placed in a locked box for recounting and examination by a committee selected for that purpose at the end of the contest.

VOTES:

Each coupon clipped from the Daily Press will count as one vote. Advance payments on subscriptions will count as follows: One month (\$5.00), 25 votes; three months (\$12.50), 75 votes; six months (\$25.00), 200 votes; one year (\$50.00), 500 votes. Voting certificates in accordance with the foregoing schedule will be issued at the Daily Press office upon the advance payment of subscriptions. Hampton patrons of the paper may pay their advance subscriptions to Mr. E. H. Schrauth, news agent, who will see that voting certificates are issued and who will see to the prompt delivery of the paper. Phoebus patrons may pay advance subscriptions to Mr. L. M. Brown, who will issue certificates and who will see that the paper is promptly delivered.

Also, each ten cents in the amount of your purchase at the store of the Geo. D. Hampton Piano Co., where the instrument may be seen, counts you a vote; whether it be a sheet of ten-cent music, a package of needles for your talking machine, an Edison or a Victor record, a first payment on a phonograph, talking machine, piano or organ, a subscription to the Blade, or the bill for tuning and repairs to your piano, it all helps to swell the majority for your teacher. Certificates issued on purchases at that store will be received at the Daily Press office and counted as votes in the contest.

No employee of the Daily Press Company or The Geo. D. Hampton Piano Company will be allowed to take any part in the contest.

A Pioneer of Newport.

Mrs. Henry S. Hoyt, the oldest of Newport's pioneer cottagers, who died yesterday on the Old Beach road, was in her ninety-sixth year, and had lived at Newport 25 years, first as a summer resident and for 15 years as a permanent resident. Mrs. Hoyt was Miss Francis Duer of the well-known New York family of that name.

Mrs. Hoyt leaves an estate valued at several millions in real estate and stocks and bonds. She was childless, but had several nephews and nieces, among them Henry Redmond, Gold Redmond, Mrs. J. K. Van Zee, Mrs. Miss Virginia Hoyt, Miss Redmond and the Misses Sarah and Amy Duer, sisters of the late William A. Duer, who are living here, while among other relatives are Gold and Winfield S. Hoyt.

Mrs. Hoyt was considered by the "100" the most conspicuous woman

resident of Newport. She was the genealogist of New York society, and was the author of "New Yorkers of the Nineteenth Century," in which she attempted to show that the real society of New York was limited to 20 families.

Mrs. Hoyt's millions are entitled, going to her nephews and nieces.—From the New York World.

Dam Built in the Air.

The concrete column built by the Commissioners of Victoria Park, on the Canadian side of the river, to form a dam in order to increase the depth of water in the water-works intake, was tipped off yesterday afternoon quite successfully. The column was 50 feet high and nearly 8 feet square. It stood on a wooden trestle 20 feet above the ground level. Its weight was about 200 tons, and running through its centre is a steel

chain that weighs 800 pounds. The object of this chain was to hold the six sections in place after the column was tipped over.—From a Niagara Falls Dispatch.

Incredible!

What? "Joe" Blackburn beaten? We can't and won't believe that Kentucky has dropped cold water on that tongue of fire, that those pinwheels shall resolve no more.

"Forward, Joe!"

In you go!"

He that dallies is a dastard, and he that doubts is damned.—From the New York Sun.

A girl has a hard time following the advice which her mother never followed, but always gives her.—From the New York Press.

TWO BIG MEN OF ADMINISTRATION AT WASHINGTON.



Special Commissioner appointed by the President to probe into the affairs of the Beef Trust and of the Standard Oil Company.

GEO. DRUCE CORTELYOU
POSTMASTER GENERAL.